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**MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING  
ILLINOIS CRIMINAL JUSTICE INFORMATION AUTHORITY**

Friday, September 8, 2017, at 9 a.m.  
Michael A. Bilandic Building, 160 N. LaSalle, N-502  
Chicago, Illinois

Roll Call

ICJIA Vice Chair Patrick Delfino welcomed Board members and guests to the quarterly Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority Regular Meeting. He called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. and asked Deputy General Counsel Robin Murphy to call the roll. Chair Robb participated by phone, but was absent for OMA purposes. Quorum requires 12 of 22 members, which was not achieved during this meeting.

<b>ICJIA Board Member Attendance</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Director John Baldwin		X
Public Defender Carla Barnes	X	
Clerk Dorothy Brown (after roll call)	X	
Public Defender Amy Campanelli		X
Sheriff Tom Dart		X
Director Patrick Delfino, Vice Chair	X	
Director Brent Fischer		X
State's Attorney Kim Foxx		X
Superintendent Eddie T. Johnson		X
Clerk Maureen Josh	X	
State's Attorney Bryan Kibler	X	
Cynthia Hora for Attorney General Lisa Madigan	X	
Chief Jerry Mitchell	X	
Ms. Pamela Paziotopoulos	X	
Director Michael J. Pelletier	X	
President Toni Preckwinkle		X
Judge Elizabeth Robb, Chair		X
Director Leo Schmitz		X
Director Nirav Shah		X
Director BJ Walker		X
Ms. Jennifer Vollen-Katz	X	
Paula Wolff	X	

## Executive Director's Report

Director Maki spoke briefly about ICJIA's two most recent notices of funding opportunity, including one for community-based violence intervention (state) and one for victims of community violence (federal). He also said ICJIA was staffing two unfunded initiatives: the Sex Offenses and Sex Offender Registration Task Force and Criminal Justice Coordinating Councils.

## ICJIA Financial Report

ICJIA Chief Financial Officer Randy Kurtz compared ICJIA's FY17 grantmaking to that projected for FY18. He reported:

- Total state grants received from ICJIA will rise from \$7 million in FY17 to \$20.6 million in FY18.
  - o Adult Redeploy Illinois' state grant will increase to \$6.7 million in FY18, up from \$5 million in FY17.
  - o Ceasefire received the largest appropriation in its history
  - o Violence intervention/prevention became a new spending category in FY18, with ICJIA granting \$6.3 million to support violence intervention and prevention programs.
  - o Safe from the Start and Family Violence Coordinating Councils together received \$1.5 million for FY18 after being unfunded in FY17.
- Total federal grants received by ICJIA rose from \$36 million in FFY17 to \$82.8 million in FFY18.
  - o Violence Against Women Act funds, Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grants, and other federal program funding remained about the same.
  - o Victims of Crime Act funding projected to more than triple from \$22.3 million in FFY17 to \$70 million in FFY18.

Mr. Kurtz said ICJIA has spent or formally obligated 100 percent of its VOCA award, while the national spending average was 69 percent. He added that most states simply increased funding for existing grantees, where the Authority put together an Ad Hoc committee on victim needs, and conducted research to identify gaps in services.

## Committee Reports

Ms. Hora reported \$67.2 million was designated at the May and July Budget Committee meetings, including \$6.8 million in state funding and \$60.4 million in federal funding. She said the committee approved \$7.2 million for the community-based violence intervention grant funding opportunity.

Ms. Wolff informed the Board that the Strategic Opportunities Committee (SOC) had received a presentation on the ICJIA's violence prevention mandate, which included discussion on community involvement and how federal funding plans complement and agree with one another. She said attendees of the August meeting participated in a Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats analysis of the SOC and Budget committee.

### Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats Analysis

Director Maki introduced the analysis by outlining some of the challenges the agency has met in recent years:

- Managed an increase in grants (from \$37.6 million in FY15 to \$103 million in FY18) without an increase in staff.
- Strengthening research and technical assistance, including an increase in publications that inform practice; participation in statewide policy initiatives; and involvement in national projects, such as Data-Driven Health & Justice and the National Criminal Justice Reform Project.
- Grant Accountability and Transparency Act implementation.

Director Maki spoke about changes in the role of the Board throughout ICJIA's history and introduced Dr. Megan Alderden to explain the SWOT procedure.

Dr. Alderden described how a SWOT analysis is used to build awareness of weaknesses and threats and devise ways to respond to them with strengths and opportunities. The most heavily discussed topics were on improving attendance at Board and committee meetings with possible date and time changes and ways to orient new members, including the possibility of a new committee.

The following strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats were discussed by ICJIA Board members. **Bolded** suggestions were made during the Board meeting. *Italicized* suggestions were made at the August SOC meeting. A list of potential solutions to some of the issues and challenges discussed follows the SWOT table.

<p><u>STRENGTHS</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Some Board members willingness to engage</i></li> <li>- <i>Board represents criminal justice system</i></li> <li>- <i>Clear, transparent grant process</i></li> <li>- <i>Board protects process</i></li> <li>- <i>Information provided to board has improved</i></li> <li>- <b>Committee structure</b></li> <li>- <b>Public information</b></li> </ul>	<p><u>WEAKNESSES</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Attendance (quorum, participation, preparedness)</i></li> <li>- <i>Meetings lack purpose, topics not relevant to members</i></li> <li>- <i>Board members are busy</i></li> <li>- <i>Appearance of Chicago/Cook County focus</i></li> <li>- <i>Technical capabilities (video/teleconferencing)</i></li> <li>- <i>Lack of clarity about internal grant process</i></li> <li>- <i>Some funds lack strategic plans</i></li> <li>- <i>Board members may have conflicts of interest</i></li> <li>- <b>Lack of board orientation (acronyms, dates, quorum, voting, committee requirements)</b></li> <li>- <b>Voices of IDJJ and ex-offender communities missing from board</b></li> <li>- <b>Need to improve materials to illustrate work the board has done</b></li> </ul>
<p><u>OPPORTUNITIES</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Alternative meeting locations (Springfield, Peoria, Champaign)</i></li> <li>- <i>GATA provides better organization, clearer vision, greater transparency and accountability</i></li> <li>- <i>Use of designees for committees</i></li> <li>- <b>Voting as draw for attendance</b></li> <li>- <b>Tapping into board member connections with local associations and data sources</b></li> </ul>	<p><u>THREATS</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Changes in Board membership</i></li> <li>- <i>Multiple external interests in funds and how to use them (potential influence)</i></li> <li>- <i>Lapsing funds</i></li> <li>- <b>ICJIA offices in Chicago (and many board members based here)</b></li> <li>- <b>Grant work technicalities difficult to understand</b></li> <li>- <b>Statutes determining designee participation</b></li> </ul>

Board members offered several potential solutions to the issues discussed. These include:

- Enhanced materials (with a combination of macro- and micro-level information)
- Establishment of an orientation committee (with a team of ICJIA staff and Board members familiarizing new members with statutes and goals)
- Questionnaire to board (asking for topics of interest that deserve research presentations, biggest agency and jurisdictional concerns, and how to ensure attendance)

- Full criminal justice system SWOT
- More robust designee process (altering ICJIA's administrative code to allow ex-officio members to send designees, while requiring these designees are in high enough positions that they can speak with the voice of the Board member and that the same designee attends consistently)

Adjourn

Vice Chair Delfino invited members of the public to comment. Seeing none, he adjourned the meeting at 10:57 a.m.